

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Currently amended) A handheld implement, having a handle housing part (12) that contains at least one carrying handle (10), and with at least one motor housing part (16) that carries a drive unit (14) and is connected to the housing part (12) by means of an antivibration system that comprises at least one vibration-reducing spring element (18) and a threaded adjusting element in communication with said at least one ~~vibration~~ vibration-reducing element, wherein the threaded adjusting element is selectively actuated to adjust the spring constant of said at least one vibration-reducing spring element (18); and wherein said at least one vibration-reducing spring element further includes a hollow damping element.
2. (Canceled)
3. (Canceled)
4. (Currently amended) The implement according to Claim 1, characterized in that the at least one vibration-reducing spring element  $[(18)]$  can be adjusted by defining a spring constant  $[(26)]$  and/or a damping constant  $[(32)]$ .
5. (Currently amended) The implement according to Claim 1, characterized in that the spring constant  $[(26)]$  of the vibration-reducing spring element can be varied in dependence on the thickness  $[(28)]$  of the spring wire, the average winding diameter  $[(30)]$  and the spring length  $[(34)]$ .

6. (Currently amended) The implement according to Claim 5, characterized in that the vibration-reducing spring element contains a rigid body [(36)] that can be screwed into or onto the spring element in order to realize a static adjustment of the spring length [(34)].
7. (Currently amended) The implement according to Claim 6, characterized in that the rigid body [(36)] consists of an adjusting screw [(44)].
8. (Currently amended) The implement according to Claim 7, characterized in that the vibration-reducing spring element contains a flexible body [(38)] that can be screwed into or onto the spring element in order to realize a dynamic adjustment of the spring length [(34)].
9. (Currently amended) The implement according to Claim 8, characterized in that the flexible body [(38)] consists of a spring element [(40)].
10. (Canceled)
11. (Currently amended) The implement according to Claim 5, characterized in that a contact surface [(46)] is arranged inside or outside the vibration-reducing spring element in order to realize a progressive adjustment of the spring/damping characteristic [(34)] of the vibration-reducing spring element.
12. (Canceled)
13. (Currently amended) The implement according to Claim 6, characterized in that ~~that~~ a static adjustment, a dynamic adjustment, a progressive adjustment and a prestress adjustment can be combined with one another.
14. (Currently amended) The implement according to Claim 5, characterized in that the average winding diameter [(30)] of the vibration-reducing spring element can be defined

15. (Currently amended) The implement according to Claim 5, characterized in that the spring wire thickness  $[(28)]$  of the vibration-reducing spring element can be defined.
16. (Currently amended) The implement according to Claim 3 1, characterized in that the damping elements  $[(22)]$  for adjusting the damping constant  $[(32)]$  are realized in the form of solid dampers.
17. (Canceled)
18. (Currently amended) The implement according to Claim 16, characterized in that the damping elements  $[(22)]$  have an axial prestress.
19. (Canceled)
20. (Currently amended) The implement according to Claim ~~17~~ 1, characterized in that the hollow damper is filled with gas.
21. (Currently amended) The implement according to Claim ~~17~~ 1, characterized in that the hollow damper is filled with a fluid.
22. (Previously presented) The implement according to Claim 1, characterized in that the vibration-reducing spring element consists of steel.
23. (Currently amended) The implement according to Claim  $[(3)]$  1, characterized in that the damping element  $[(22)]$  consists of plastic.
24. (Currently amended) The implement according to Claim  $[(3)]$  1, characterized in that the damping element  $[(22)]$  consists of rubber or a composite material.
25. (Canceled)